

As the Emergency Management Coordinator for Jeff Davis County, TX, I wish to express my opposition to BPL. In the management of a disaster, radio plays a large role. While locally at a disaster it is unlikely that BPL would be in operation, it would be in operation and degrading the radio spectrum in areas that we would be trying to reach, thus degrading our ability to communicate during a disaster.

I have seen test results for various BPL deployment sites. All of these deployments had a high level of harmful interference to the local radio spectrum.

In a disaster situation, radios will not be operated in the best conditions possible. Thus the radio spectrum where the signals would be received (all over the US) needs to be as quiet as possible so that the weak signals from the disaster areas can be heard. With the harmful interference from BPL, this may be impossible.

In short, I am against BPL. Its implementation will likely cost lives.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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